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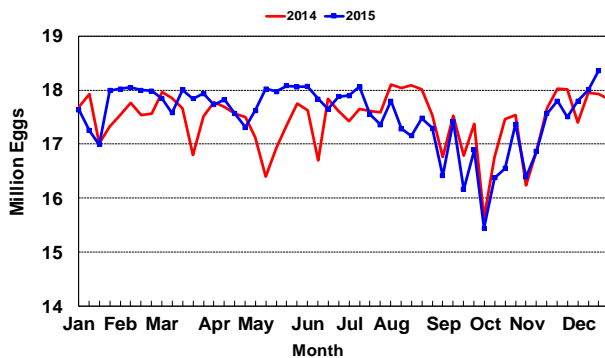
### Mississippi Chick Placements Down 2 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Mississippi were 14.8 million during the week ending December 19, 2015. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2014 and down 2 percent from the previous week.

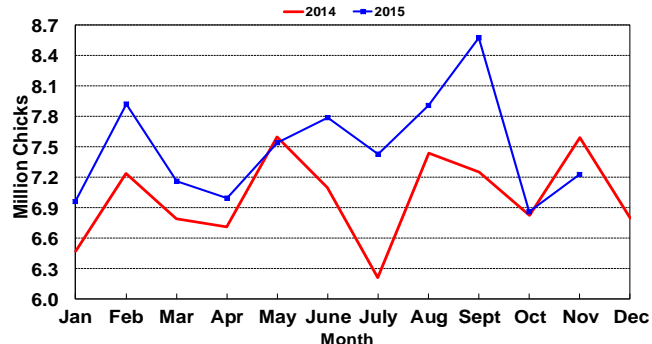
Mississippi hatcheries set 18.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 19, 2015, up 2 percent from the same period last year and up 2 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 7.23 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2015, down 5 percent from November 2014.

**Eggs Set In Mississippi, 2014-2015**



**U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed For Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2014-2015**



**Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, November 21, 2015 - December 19, 2015**

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	21-Nov	28-Nov	5-Dec	12-Dec	19-Dec	21-Nov	28-Nov	5-Dec	12-Dec	19-Dec
	1,000 eggs					1,000 chicks				
Alabama	29,341	30,196	28,609	29,536	29,902	20,052	21,087	21,609	21,674	21,424
Arkansas	22,175	21,425	21,740	22,096	21,522	18,786	19,073	20,735	20,450	19,806
Delaware	4,755	4,755	4,755	4,751	4,755	4,370	4,546	4,873	6,057	4,330
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,185	1,183	1,271	1,288	1,374
Georgia	34,102	33,889	33,660	33,901	34,094	25,981	25,339	26,263	27,096	27,497
Kentucky	7,930	7,979	7,979	8,091	8,083	6,198	5,901	6,311	5,829	6,283
Louisiana	3,530	3,561	3,636	3,833	3,651	2,705	2,999	3,225	3,060	3,050
Maryland	8,139	7,600	7,577	7,868	7,773	7,196	6,804	5,060	5,558	7,706
Mississippi	17,797	17,705	17,798	18,006	18,360	13,849	14,265	14,923	15,087	14,825
Missouri	8,045	7,892	7,968	7,984	7,881	5,846	5,524	6,080	6,352	5,655
N. Carolina	20,432	20,617	20,188	20,918	20,585	16,383	16,003	16,204	16,961	16,475
Oklahoma	6,770	6,853	6,649	6,740	7,237	3,560	4,309	3,963	3,436	4,332
Pennsylvania	4,776	4,883	4,657	4,843	4,840	3,862	4,010	4,469	3,971	4,366
S. Carolina	5,797	5,270	5,344	5,368	5,706	4,324	4,747	5,693	5,316	4,676
Texas	15,178	15,446	14,349	14,911	14,603	11,994	11,652	12,250	12,749	13,026
Virginia	6,264	6,596	5,818	6,355	6,433	4,069	5,134	6,045	4,911	5,055
CA,TN & WV	12,325	12,739	11,256	11,471	11,850	10,559	9,939	10,967	11,068	11,546
19 State Total	208,581	208,631	203,208	207,897	208,500	160,919	162,515	169,941	170,863	171,426
% of Prev. Year	100	100	99	101	101	100	100	100	100	100
Other States	7,901	7,853	7,672	7,921	7,799	6,209	5,915	5,982	6,737	6,113
<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>216,482</b>	<b>216,484</b>	<b>210,880</b>	<b>215,818</b>	<b>216,299</b>	<b>167,128</b>	<b>168,430</b>	<b>175,923</b>	<b>177,600</b>	<b>177,539</b>

Revisions made to the previous four-week's data during the current week are published in this report.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 19, 2015, up slightly from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 19, 2015, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 19, 2015, up slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 19, 2015, up slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through December 19, 2015 for the United States were 8.75 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.